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(C) Poloff delivered reftel points November 13 to MFA Counsellor for Andean Countries, Department for Latin America and the Caribbean Kathleen Joppen. Joppen was aware of he Morales DEA expulsion statements, and said elgium was concerned. She said the possibility of a DEA expulsion was raised at the last EU working group on Latin America. Joppen said several countries were concerned, but no solutions were offered. The EU is uncertain how it could play a role in reducing drugs or stop the transit from one developing country to another.